

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Revised 2017 Base-Year Emissions Inventory, Certification of Indiana's Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) Plan, and Revised Certification of Indiana's Emissions Reporting Rule, 326 IAC 2-6, for Indiana's Portion of the Chicago, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI) 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) "Marginal" Nonattainment Area

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<https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>

Notice is hereby given under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51.102 that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is accepting written comment and providing an opportunity for a public hearing regarding the *Revised 2017 Base-Year Emissions Inventory, Certification of Indiana's Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) Plan, and Revised Certification of Indiana's Emissions Reporting Rule, 326 IAC 2-6, for Indiana's Portion of the Chicago, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI) 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) "Marginal" Nonattainment Area*. All interested persons are invited and will be given reasonable opportunity to express their views concerning this submittal.

On April 30, 2018, United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) initially designated Calumet, Hobart, North, Ross, and Saint John townships in Lake County as part of the Chicago, IL-IN-WI nonattainment area under the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS. On June 14, 2021, U.S. EPA revised the Chicago, IL-IN-WI nonattainment area boundary to include Center, Jackson, Liberty, Pine, Portage, Union, Washington, and Westchester townships in Porter County. This area is classified as a "marginal" nonattainment area and is subject to the requirements of Sections 172 and 182 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). As such, the above documents are being drafted and submitted consistent with U.S. EPA guidance.

The draft documents will be available for review on or before August 6, 2021, on the following Web page:

<https://www.in.gov/idem/sips/attainment-demonstrations/ozone-o3-attainment-demonstrations/>

Copies of the draft documents will be made available on or before August 6, 2021, to any person upon request at the following locations:

- IDEM Office of Air Quality, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N1003, Indianapolis, Indiana
- IDEM Northwest Regional Office, 330 West U.S. Highway 30, Suite F, Valparaiso, Indiana

- Crown Point Community Library, 122 North Main Street, Crown Point, Indiana
- Gary Public Library, 220 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana
- Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street, Hammond, Indiana
- Lake County Public Library-Highland Branch, 2841 Jewett Street, Highland, Indiana
- Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Public Library, 2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, Indiana
- Valparaiso Public Library, 103 Jefferson Street, Valparaiso, Indiana
- Whiting Public Library, 1735 Oliver Street, Whiting, Indiana

Any person may submit written comments on the *Revised 2017 Base-Year Emissions Inventory, Certification of Indiana’s Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) Plan, and Revised Certification of Indiana’s Emissions Reporting Rule, 326 IAC 2-6, for Indiana’s Portion of the Chicago, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI) 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) “Marginal” Nonattainment Area*. Written comments should be directed to: Ms. Amy Smith, IDEM Office of Air Quality, Room 1003, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Written comments can also be submitted via fax (317) 233-5967 or e-mail at amsmith@idem.IN.gov. Written comments must be submitted by September 6, 2021.

A public hearing on the *Revised 2017 Base-Year Emissions Inventory for Indiana’s Portion of the Chicago, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI) 2015 8-Hour Ozone “Marginal” Nonattainment Area, Certification of Indiana’s Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) Plan, and Revised Certification of Indiana’s Emissions Reporting Rule, 326 IAC 2-6, for Indiana’s Portion of the Chicago, IL-IN-WI 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) “Marginal” Nonattainment Area* will be held if a request is received by September 6, 2021. If requested, the hearing will be held on September 8, 2021, and the comment period will be extended to September 15, 2021. If held, the hearing will convene at 5:30 p.m. local time at the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Public Library, located at 2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, Indiana 46405. Interested parties may present oral or written comments at the public hearing, if held. If a hearing is held, oral statements will be heard, but for the accuracy of the record, a written copy of the statements should be submitted. If a request is not received by September 6, 2021, the public hearing will be cancelled.

Interested parties can check the online IDEM calendar at <https://events.in.gov/idem> or contact Ms. Amy Smith (317) 233-8211 or amsmith@idem.IN.gov after September 6, 2021, to see if the public hearing has been canceled.

If a public hearing is held, a transcript of the public hearing and all written submissions provided as part of the public hearing shall be open to public inspection at IDEM and copies may be made available to any person upon payment of reproduction costs. Any person heard or represented at the hearing or requesting notice shall be given written notice of actions resulting from the hearing.

For additional information, contact Ms. Amy Smith via U.S. Mail at IDEM Office of Air Quality, Room N1003, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204, via e-mail at amsmith@idem.IN.gov, or via telephone at (317) 233-8211 (direct) or (800) 451-6027 (toll free in Indiana).

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